

Dear Fellow Laborers in the Gospel,

Spring 2025

We are very thankful that the weather has begun to warm up recently! This winter has been a bit warmer this year and much less snow than normal, so we certainly can't complain about not having to shovel as much snow!

We have been blessed with some additional ministry opportunities in the last few months. Our teen group and kids ministries have been going well, and we have had a larger number of young people in both groups faithfully attending. It is great to see their attentiveness to the Bible lessons and to see growth in their lives. Some of the teens especially are at that critical juncture where they need to be making godly choices. Please pray that we can influence them for the Lord and that they will make their relationship with God personal and important to them.

We have been able to do marriage counseling with a young couple in our church, and it has been a blessing to watch them grow as they have prepared for marriage. In February, we had a baby dedication for another young family. Several unsaved friends attended that service, and it was a blessing to challenge them about the importance of knowing Christ and raising children for the Lord.

A few weeks ago, we held a funeral for a man who trusted Christ at our church a long time ago. His three sisters are members, but he did not attend much because he lived quite far away from our church. He was diagnosed with brain tumors last year. I was able to visit with him a number of times over the last few months. He often spoke of how he had trusted Christ and how he had studied the Bible on his own and with other people for many years.

We held the funeral at our church after he passed away, and it was quite a large crowd. We had to set up many extra chairs and barely fit everyone into our small building. I preached about Jesus preparing a place for us from John 14 and knowing we are going to Heaven. During the invitation, three people raised their hands indicating they trusted Christ! After the service, I was approached by another 19 year old young man who had many questions about being a Christian. I was able to talk to him for about 20 minutes about trusting Christ, and when he left, I gave him some Gospel tracts and a booklet. Please pray for these folks. Pray also for the unsaved family members of this man who are very opposed to the Gospel, that they would trust Christ.

We just returned from a brief two week trip down to North Carolina to see family. We spent a few days with my (Nate's) parents and were able to see a few siblings as well. Then we spent a few days with Christy's entire family to celebrate her parents' 50th anniversary. It was a blessing to see everyone at our sending church in Chesapeake, VA and preach there as well. We are thankful for safety on the roads driving down and back to Newfoundland. We had a wheel bearing go out on the way down, but thankfully we were near a town where a shop was able to get us in right away, and we were back on the road within a couple of hours. We also had another vehicle issue that we will have to fix in the near future.

Please pray for our summer outreach plans and our ministries here. Please pray for another family that could come and help us in the work here. So much more could be done in this area for the Lord if we had help. Please pray that God would bless His work and grow His church here in Newfoundland. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we serve the Lord!

For the Gospel and His glory, Nate, Christy, Vera, Emma, Ezra, Cara, and Reya Minion "To preach the Gospel in the Regions Beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

